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| | : | A SPINAL ATTACHMENT SYSTEM, | |
| | : | AND SPINAL ATTACHMENT SYSTEM | |
| | : | INCLUDING SAID LINKING ELEMENT | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Attached herewith is an English translation of the above-identified patent application.

Prior to action on the merits, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

In the Title

Kindly replace the Title with the following:

DYNAMIC ~~CONNECTING~~LINKING ELEMENT FOR A SPINAL ~~FIXING~~ATTACHMENT
SYSTEM, AND A ~~FIXING~~SPINAL ATTACHMENT SYSTEM ~~COMPRISING SUCH A~~
~~CONNECTING~~INCLUDING SAID LINKING ELEMENT